

S-388  
Beckford Avenue Tenant Houses  
Princess Anne  
private

c. 1870

Built around 1870, this series of five tenant houses follow the same basic form. A two-story, one-bay main block is extended to the south by a story-and-a-half frame section. The plain frame houses are lighted by a variety of six-over-six or two-over-two sash windows. This row of identical dwellings is an interesting contrast to the larger Victorian houses that line Beckford Avenue. Erected during the decade following the Civil War, these postbellum frame dwellings were built on "Beckford" land to house plantation slaves after Emancipation.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. S-388

Magi No. 2003885504

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Beckford Avenue Tenant Houses

## 2. Location

street &amp; number East side of Beckford Ave.

☐ not for publication

city, town Princess Anne

☐ vicinity of

congressional district First

state Maryland

county Somerset

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
			<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Various Owners

street &amp; number

telephone no.:

city, town

state and zip code

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset County Clerk of Court

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street &amp; number Somerset County Courthouse

folio

city, town Princess Anne

state Md. 21853

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date

☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

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city, town

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

### Beckford Avenue Tenant Houses

The Beckford Avenue tenant houses stand on the east side of Beckford Avenue between Washington Street and Antioch Avenue in Princess Anne, Somerset County, Maryland. The houses face west with the gables oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1870, the series of five tenant houses follow the same form. A two-story, one-bay main block is extended to the south by a story-and-a-half section. Supported by brick pier foundations, each house is sheathed by asbestos shingles and covered with a sheet tin roof.

The west (main) facade is an asymmetrical elevation. The one-bay main block has a single sash window on each floor. The story-and-a-half section is defined by a door and a window opening. An interior brick stove stack rises against the south end of the main block between the two sections. The eaves are slightly extended.

The north and south ends of the house are lighted by a single sash window on each floor. In a few cases shed additions extend the houses to the east.

The interiors have not been surveyed.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

### Significance

The Beckford Avenue tenant houses are a significant group of modest two-story, one-room plan dwellings with story-and-a-half sections to the south. The plain frame houses are lighted by a variety of six-over-six or two-over-two sash windows. This row of identical dwellings is an interesting contrast to the larger Victorian houses that line Beckford Avenue.

Erected during the decade following the Civil War, these post-bellum frame dwellings were built on "Beckford" land to house the plantation slaves after emancipation.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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state Md. 21853

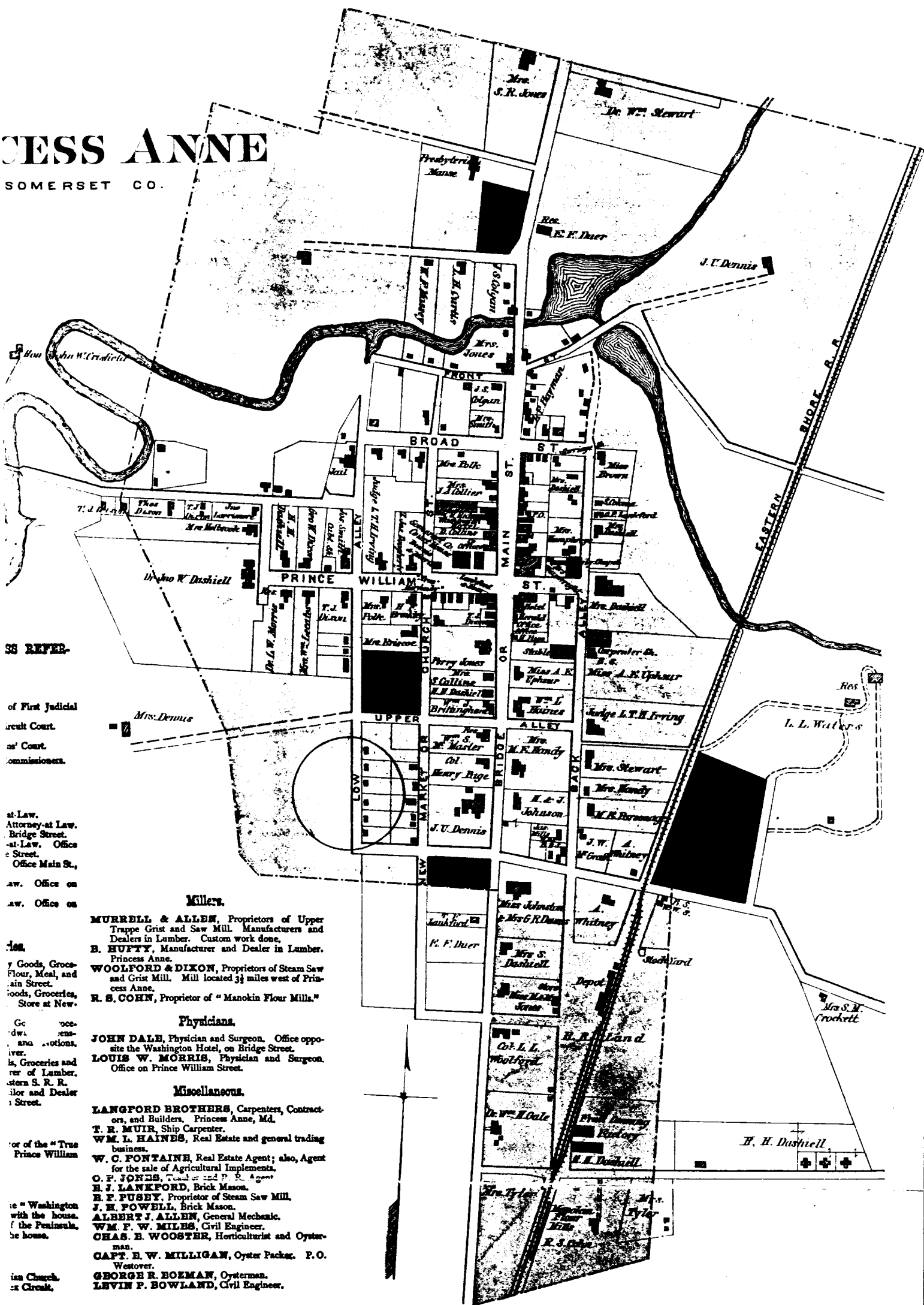
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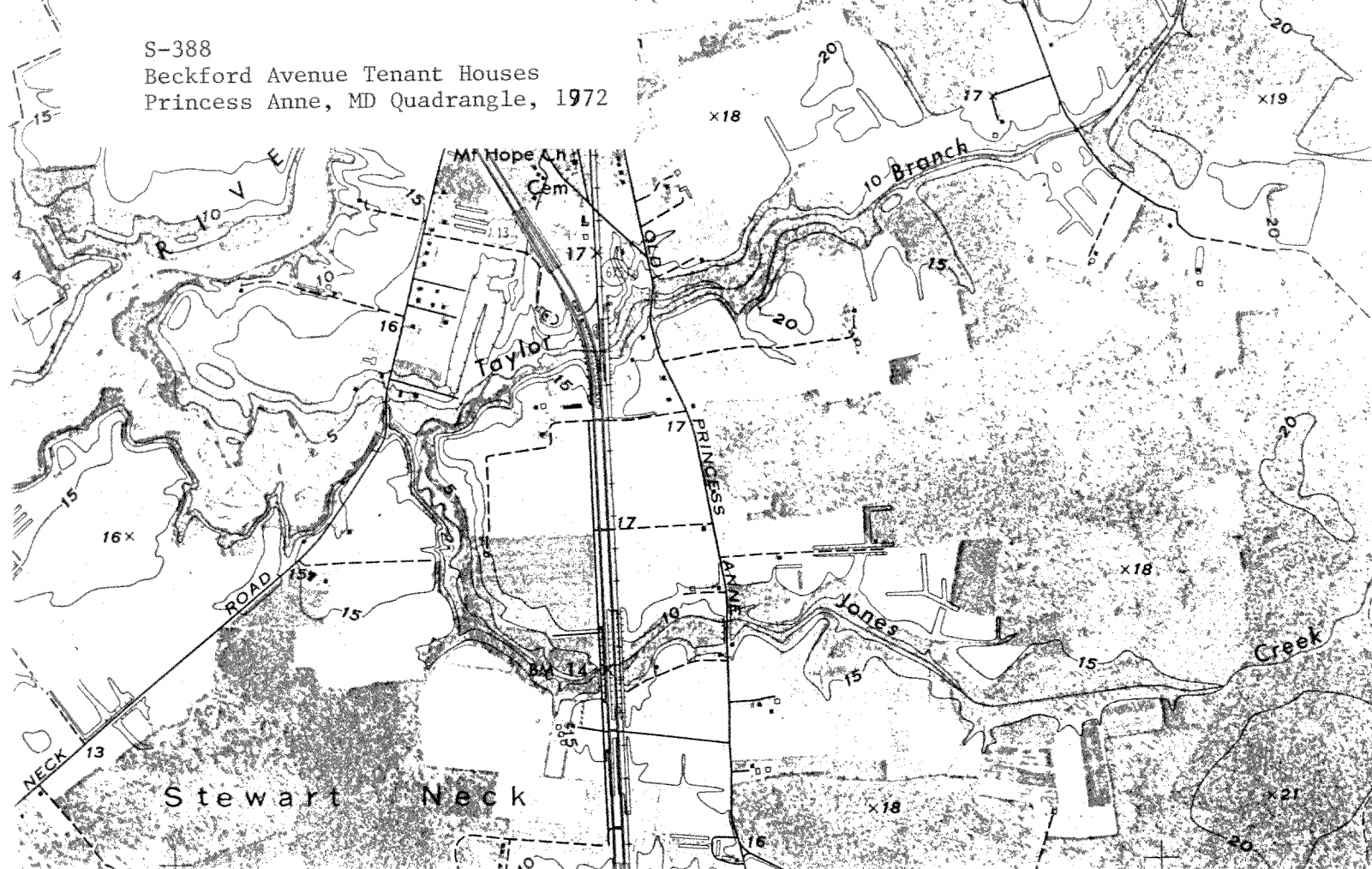
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- B. HUFFY**, Manufacturer and Dealer in Lumber.  
Princess Anne.
- WOOLFORD & DIXON**, Proprietors of Steam Saw  
and Grist Mill. Mill located 3 1/2 miles west of Prin-  
cess Anne.
- R. S. COHN**, Proprietor of "Manokin Flour Mills."
- Physicians.**
- JOHN DALE**, Physician and Surgeon. Office oppo-  
site the Washington Hotel, on Bridge Street.
- LOUIS W. MORRIS**, Physician and Surgeon.  
Office on Prince William Street.
- Miscellaneous.**
- LANGFORD BROTHERS**, Carpenters, Contract-  
ors, and Builders. Princess Anne, Md.
- T. R. MUIR**, Ship Carpenter.
- WM. L. HAINES**, Real Estate and general trading  
business.
- W. C. FONTAINE**, Real Estate Agent; also, Agent  
for the sale of Agricultural Implements.
- O. P. JONES**, Tinsmith and P. R. Agent.
- E. J. LANGFORD**, Brick Mason.
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Princess Anne, MD Quadrangle, 1972







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Princess Anne, Somerset County, Md.

West Elevation

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